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GO SERV GRANTS MORE THAN \$30 MILLION FOR AMERICORPS IN CALIFORNIA

More than \$7 million for Bay Area programs

SACRAMENTO--Chuck J. Supple, Executive Director for the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) today announced more than \$30 million in AmeriCorps funding for California, which includes \$7,239,902 in grants that will support more than 900 AmeriCorps members serving in the Bay Area.

"AmeriCorps members serving in the Bay Area will join a force of some 6,000 strong to tackle tough issues in communities throughout California," said Mr. Supple. AmeriCorps members will tutor and mentor students in afterschool programs, work to preserve California's natural resources through habitat restoration, and meet other critical community needs.

Some of the programs supported by the GO SERV grant in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area include:

Public Allies Silicon Valley/San Jose

\$191,000

20 members will tutor children in schools, provide afterschool programs to students in grades K-12, mentor troubled youth, provide parenting education to young families, teach drug, alcohol and smoking prevention, and refurbish shelters and safe havens.

San Francisco Urban Services Project

\$258,700

20 AmeriCorps members will work to address three primary needs of low-income children and youth in San Francisco: early literacy for pre-K students; increasing classroom learning, community involvement and leadership opportunities for K-12 students; and mobilizing community resources to create sustainable partnerships between community organizations and K-12 students.

Partners in School Innovation/ACT

\$284,570

22 AmeriCorps members will serve mainly low income students of color to improve reading skills. The program will also use creative teaching models, such as Reciprocal Teaching, in which members bring students with varying levels of proficiency together and have students work in pairs to learn from one another.

City of Berkeley School Outreach Initiative

\$128,090

10 members will work to ensure that all eligible families in Berkeley have health care coverage through the Healthy Families and/or Medi-Cal Programs. They will serve in each of the eighteen Berkeley Unified School District schools.

Bay Area Youth Agency Consortium

\$1,241,760

159 members will work with K-12 at risk youth on an individual and group basis during and after school. Many of the school children live in low-income communities with high unemployment rates.

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Sonoma State Service Collaborative**\$936,105**

321 members will serve Sonoma county residents in a number of ways, providing tutoring services during school hours to 640 elementary students and coordinating two after school programs—COOL School and TECH Together—which provide one-on-one and group instruction in reading and math.

ACCORD for Youth: Alameda County**\$277,100**

40 members will work closely with small groups of K-12 students in low-income neighborhoods at sixteen schools. While the emphasis of the program is tutoring, members will also take courses and training in CPR, first aid, drug and alcohol prevention, and conflict resolution.

Environmental Education and Community Outreach**\$265,740**

36 AmeriCorps members will work at a recycling program to serve the rapidly expanding population in the Presidio. Members will lead youth in weekly community service projects, as well as environmental education classes and academic, professional and leadership development activities.

Marin CC--Habitat Restoration Program**\$175,669**

13 members will lead children, youth, and adult volunteers in restoring six natural habitats and watersheds within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Members and volunteers will help to refurbish bridges, restore trails, provide park clean up, and rebuild areas damaged by erosion while they learn about the environment and other natural resources.

Oakland Community Service Collaborative**\$1,142,800**

111 members will provide year-round tutoring services to K-12 students from low-income neighborhoods in the East Bay. They will also serve to protect the environment by planting trees, restoring creek beds and helping maintain park trails.

In addition to local AmeriCorps grants, GO SERV will grant \$10 million to 13 statewide programs operating in multiple counties, programs such as the California Community Colleges' Teacher and Reading Development Partnership program that cultivates California's next generation of teachers, the California Alliance for Prevention, a program whose members provide services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect, and AmeriCorps Backcountry Trails, the focal point for which is the restoration and repair of California's pristine natural resources.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) funds national service commissions throughout the country. CNCS supports three different kinds of national service: AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve. GO SERV, California's national service commission, is responsible for the administration and oversight of California's AmeriCorps programs.

AmeriCorps, otherwise known as the domestic Peace Corps, was established in 1993 and provides young Americans with the opportunity to serve their communities in exchange for an educational award up to \$4,725 for 1,700 hours of community service.

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